

Placement Statistics for All Children in Alaska OCS Out-of-home placement on April 1, 2011.

Out-of-home placement is the last option considered when reasonable efforts to protect a child in his or her own home have been exhausted by OCS. The first preference considered in all out-of-home placements for a child or youth is a relative's home. When it is not possible to place a child with a relative it is necessary to place the child in a licensed foster home. Residential care facilities may offer short-term emergency shelter as well as more long-term residential treatment.

Average Statistics of Children in Out-of-home placement on April 1, 2011, by Region.

	Anchorage	Northern	South Central	Southeast	Western	Statewide
Count	626	330	512	179	210	1,857
Mean Age	7.0	6.8	8.0	8.7	8.9	7.6
Median Age	6.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	7.0
Minimum Placements	1	1	1	1	1	1
Maximum Placements	32	30	26	27	30	32
Mean Placements	3.6	3.6	2.7	4.2	5.2	3.6
Median Placements	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	2.0
Minimum Time in Care	1	0	10	0	3	0
Maximum Time in Care	5,179	4,371	3,976	4,993	3,672	5,179
Mean Time in Care	666.1	591.7	539.2	824.8	789.7	647.2
Median Time in Care	406.0	436.0	379.0	513.0	643.0	436.0

Average Statistics of Children in Out-of-home placement on April 1, 2011, by Race.

	Native¹	White²	Other³	Undetermined	Statewide	
Count	1,163	499	136	59	1,857	¹ Native is any mention of Alaska Native or American Indian.
Mean Age	7.4	8.2	8.2	6.0	7.6	
Median Age	6.0	7.0	7.0	5.0	7.0	² White is White only, excluding all other races.
Minimum Placements	1	1	1	1	1	
Maximum Placements	31	30	32	6	32	
Mean Placements	3.8	3.3	3.4	1.6	3.6	³ Other includes any mention of Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or Black/African American.
Median Placements	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	
Minimum Time in Care	0	0	3	0	0	
Maximum Time in Care	4,993	4,985	5,179	1,743	5,179	
Mean Time in Care	662.0	665.7	626.4	247.4	647.2	
Median Time in Care	492.0	379.0	405.0	169.0	436.0	

Mean is the arithmetic mean average, commonly referred to as the 'average'.

Median is the median average, containing the middle value. Half of the observations are less than this value, and half of the observations are greater than this value.

Placements are the number of times children in OCS Out of Home placement have changed homes.

Time in Care is measured in days.

Data Source: ORCA. Program used to tabulate statistics: monthly_ooh_web.sas.

Data in this report is current as of May 9, 2011. Subsequent reports with the same date parameter will contain up-dated statistics

If you have any questions regarding this data please forward your inquiry to ocs@alaska.gov.